



Monsignor High School: A Journey in the World's Aquarium

Itinerary

Get ready to experience the untamed beauty of Baja California Sur on a journey designed for discovery. This isn't just a trip; it's an adventure where the desert meets the sea, and every day brings a new opportunity to connect with nature, learn about incredible ecosystems, and create lifelong memories. We'll be explorers, researchers, and partners in conservation, guided by the stunning landscapes of La Paz and the Sea of Cortez. Prepare to be inspired by the ocean's majestic giants and the hidden treasures of its wild coastlines. This is your invitation to step beyond the classroom and into a world where adventure and learning become one.

Dates: February 15 - 20, 2026

A Note on Weather and Flexibility: Navigating the dynamic environment of Baja California Sur requires a commitment to both careful planning and thoughtful flexibility. While we are dedicated to respecting the planned itinerary, our primary concern is always your safety and the quality of your experience. As such, in the event that weather conditions—such as strong north winds—prevent us from safely operating a scheduled activity, our experienced guides may need to adjust the program. We believe an important part of any great adventure is embracing the unexpected, allowing nature to be your guide. By arriving with a flexible and open mind, you'll be able to fully enjoy every moment of this journey, confident in our commitment to providing an unforgettable experience.



Day 1 – Arrival and Welcome to La Paz, Sunday, February 15

Today is about leaving the familiar behind and stepping into a new world of adventure. This is where your journey begins, a chance to settle in, meet your expert guides, and feel the excitement build as you discover what awaits you. It's the perfect time to connect, ask questions, and get ready for an unforgettable week of exploration and discovery.

Detailed Itinerary:

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Approximate Arrival): Touch down at Los Cabos International Airport (SJD) and board our comfortable, air-conditioned ground transportation. The journey to your Airbnb in La Paz is a scenic 2.5 drive that transitions from the bustling airport to the tranquil desert and ocean landscapes of Baja California Sur.

- **Important Note:** Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting at parking slot number 10, holding a sign with the Monsignor Farrell High School logo for easy identification.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Arrive at your group's private Airbnb. Take some time to settle in, choose your rooms, and get comfortable in your home for the week.

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Welcome and Orientation. We will gather for an official welcome with your dedicated Red Travel Mexico guides. This is a crucial time to review the week's itinerary, discuss safety protocols, and get to know the team that will be leading your adventure. We'll also provide each of you with a trip journal to capture your thoughts, discoveries, and memories throughout the week.

7:30 PM: You'll enjoy a welcome dinner prepared by our private chef at your Airbnb. This is your first chance to savor the authentic flavors of La Paz and connect as a group before the week's activities begin. Your guides will join you, providing a great opportunity to connect and ask any final questions

Day 2 – Ocean Adventures & Hidden Treasures, Monday, February 16

A day of adventure, learning, and teamwork. From swimming with the world's largest fish to kayaking through mangroves, you'll explore amazing ecosystems and meet local leaders who care for them. It's a day to discover, connect, and have fun together.



Note: *Swimming with whale sharks is a highly sought-after and strictly regulated activity here in La Paz, governed by a system of schedules and daily entrance permits. While we will be doing everything in our power to secure your entry on this day, we cannot guarantee it, as a limited number of boats are allowed in the area at any given time. If we are unable to do so, we will seek to do it on another day of the trip. This strict regulation is precisely what makes La Paz one of the most recognized and ethical places in the world to swim with whale sharks, as it ensures the protection of these majestic creatures and their habitat.*

Detailed Itinerary:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Start your morning with a delicious breakfast at your home for the week, prepared by a private chef.

9:30 AM: Ground transportation will take us from the house to the dock where we'll board our boats. (10 minutes drive)

9:45 AM - 5:00 PM: Whale Shark Snorkeling & Mogote Kayaking.

Get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime experience: snorkeling alongside the gentle giant of the sea, the whale shark. Afterward, we'll transition to a kayaking adventure through the unique mangrove ecosystems of Mogote. We'll meet with local leaders who are dedicated to conservation and learn their stories firsthand as we participate in a pirate treasure hunt, all while exploring these vital habitats. A picnic lunch will be provided at Mogote. After our adventure, we'll head back to the house, arriving around 5:00 PM.

Note: *The day's activities are divided into estimated time blocks to ensure a smooth flow: approximately 3 hours for the whale shark activity (only 30 minutes on the boat to reach the area of the activity), 1 hour for kayaking, 2 hours for lunch and relaxation, and 1 hour for the pirate treasure hunt.*



5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Enjoy some free time to relax, share stories, or catch up on your trip journal entries.

7:00 PM: Ground transportation will take you to Maduro Restaurant for dinner (10 minutes drive).



Day 3 – Snorkeling and Hiking on Espíritu Santo Island, February 17

Today we'll venture into the Sea of Cortez, the "Aquarium of the World" as named by Jacques Cousteau, to discover its crown jewel: the stunning Isla Espíritu Santo. This uninhabited UNESCO World Heritage Site will captivate us with its dramatic volcanic cliffs and pristine white-sand beaches. We'll snorkel with the playful sea lions at their colony, explore the vibrant marine life of the reefs, and hike across the island to take in the breathtaking contrast of the desert landscape against the brilliant turquoise water. It's a day to truly immerse ourselves in a natural paradise and create unforgettable memories.

Detailed Itinerary:

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM: Breakfast at your home for the week, prepared by a private chef.

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM: Ground transportation will take us from the house to the dock where we'll board our boats. *(10 minutes drive)*

8:45 AM - 5:00 PM: Espíritu Santo Island Exploration.

We'll embark on a boat trip to Espíritu Santo Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our adventure includes snorkeling at Los Islotes (1 hour and 20 minutes of boat time to reach the site), where you'll have the chance to swim alongside a playful colony of sea lions. We'll also explore the island's unique geology and hike across its breathtaking landscapes to discover hidden coves and stunning vistas. A picnic lunch will be served on one of the pristine beaches.



5:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Return to the Fiscal Dock and transport back to the house.

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: Free time to relax, shower, and prepare for the evening.

7:00 PM: Ground transportation will take you to a CasaMarte Oyster Bar and Grill for dinner (10 minutes drive).



Day 4: Whale Watching: Majestic Giants of the Sea, February 18

This day is dedicated to a truly awe-inspiring connection with the majestic giants of the sea. We'll travel to the remote sanctuary of Puerto Chale, one of the best places in the world for a close and intimate encounter with gray whales in their breeding grounds. Our guided boat tour is more than just a trip; it's an immersive experience where you'll witness these magnificent animals up close in their natural habitat. As we navigate the serene bay, you'll be surrounded by breathtaking landscapes that perfectly complement the spectacle of the whales. It's a day to not only see incredible wildlife but also to reflect on the importance of ocean conservation, all while enjoying the beauty of our surroundings.

Detailed Itinerary:

6:30 AM - 7:30 AM: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your home for the week, prepared by our private chef.

7:45 AM - 10:15 AM: Our journey begins with a scenic drive to Puerto Chale. This 2.5-hour trip takes us through stunning Baja landscapes, transitioning from the desert to the tranquil coastal beauty of the Pacific.

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM: Whale Watching at Puerto Chale.

We'll embark on a boat trip (30 minutes) to observe the gray whales in their natural habitat. You will have the opportunity to see these incredible animals from an eye-level perspective as they come to the warm waters to mate and give birth. This sanctuary provides a protected and peaceful environment where you might even see a curious calf. We'll also enjoy lunch on a beautiful and impressive beach in the area.



3:30 PM - 6:00 PM: After our time on the water, we'll begin our return trip to La Paz, giving you time to reflect on the day's unforgettable experience.

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Free time to relax and reflect on the day's incredible experience.

7:30 PM: Ground transportation will take you to Oliva al Mare restaurant for dinner (10 minutes drive).



Day 5 – From the Museum to the Shore: A Last Look at La Paz, February 19

Our final full day offers a relaxed pace to soak in the city's coastal charm and deepen our connection to this unique bioregion. We'll begin at the Museo de la Ballena to further explore the fascinating world of whales. The afternoon is a chance to enjoy the coast with beach exploration and tide pooling, allowing us to reflect on the experiences we've shared. After a scenic walk along the Malecón and a final group dinner, we'll come together to celebrate the journey and the memories we've made.

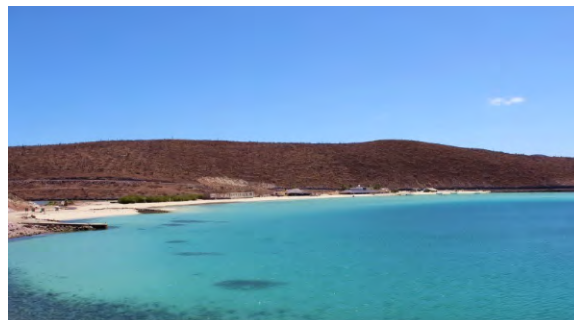
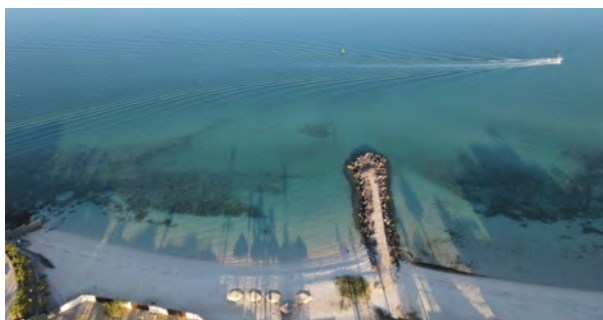
Detailed Itinerary:

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Breakfast at your home for the week, prepared by our private chef.

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Transportation and visit to the Museo de la Ballena for an immersive educational experience. *(15 minutes drive)*



12:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Transfer to Playa Caimancito or Playa Pichilique *(15 to 30 minutes drive depending on site)* for a final, serene visit to the shore. This is our last moment to simply be with the sea, to walk along the water's edge, and to say a quiet farewell to the magnificent ocean that has been a part of our adventure. Lunch will be served at the beach.



3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Transfer back to house and free time to relax and prepare for the farewell dinner.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Enjoy a walk along the Malecón in La Paz to take in the beautiful sunset.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Farewell dinner at Sorstis Restaurant *(10 minutes drive)* and transfer to house



Day 6 – End of the Adventure: Returning with New Memories, February 20

Today is a time to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared. As we enjoy a light breakfast and prepare for our departure, we'll carry with us not just memories of the ocean and its creatures, but the bonds we've formed with each other. This day marks the end of one adventure, but the beginning of many more as we hold these experiences close to our hearts.

Detailed Itinerary:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Light breakfast at the house, prepared by our private chef, and a final gear check.

10:00 AM: Transfer to SJD Airport for your departure. (2.5 hours drive)

Please note: All times on this day are approximate and will be adjusted based on your flight's departure schedule.